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FOR CUSTOMS ATTACHE, PARIS; HOLD FOR U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICER

BCOLE, TUNIS

1. U.S. CUSTOMS CAN ACCOMMODATE GOL CUSTOMS PER REFTTEL.

APRIL 5 START OK, BUT APRIL 12 OR 19 WOULD BE EASIER TO

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MEET. PROGRAM CAN BE COMPRESSED INTO ONE 5- OR 6-DAY WEEK,

IF NECESSARY. U.S. CUSTOMS CAN TAILOR PROGRAM TO NEEDS OF GOL CUSTOMS, WITHIN TIME FRAME. U.S. CUSTOMS WILL ATTEMPT TO GET OPERATIONS OFFICERS BCOLE AND CMORSE TO STOP LUXEMBOURG ON WAY HOME FROM MIDDLE EAST AND ROME O/A FEB. 23, TO FINALIZE PLANS.

2. IN VIEW OF EXPENSE INVOLVED, MISSION AND GOL CUSTOMS SHOULD CONSIDER SOME OPTIONS THAT COULD IMPROVE COST PER STUDENT RATIO: A. WOULD GOL CONSIDER OPENING THE SEMINAR TO OFFICERS OF NEIGHBORING BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS, FRANCE, AND UNITED KINGDOM, IF CAN BE ARRANGED? AS FAR AS WE KNOW, LUXEMBOURG WOULD BE THE FIRST COUNTRY TO HOST INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR OF THIS TYPE. U.S. CUSTOMS WOULD INVITE UP TO FOUR OFFICERS FROM EACH, HOPING THAT TOTAL OF 10-12 STUDENTS WOULD ACTUALLY ARRIVE. B. COULD GOL CUSTOMS SPARE MORE THAN THE SPECIFIED FOUR OFFICERS FOR TRAINING IF PROGRAM WERE HELD AFTER WORKING HOURS? SAY FOUR HOURS PER EVENING FOR TEN-TO-FIFTEEN NIGHTS? U.S. CUSTOMS TEAM CAN WORK EVENINGS, WEEK-ENDS IF NECESSARY. C. U.S. CUSTOMS WILL STAND BY ORIGINAL COMMITMENT OF 4 OFFICERS, ONE WEEK, OR WILL CONSIDER ANY ALTERNATE PLAN AGREEABLE TO MISSION AND GOL CUSTOMS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROACH GOL CUSTOMS RE ABOVE COMMENTS, ASK TO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH COLE AND MORSE WHEN THEY ARRIVE. INGERSOLL

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